

## 6/17/2014 Meeting Notes: Site Walk & Reception



Railroad Tracks over Main Street



Essex Hardware driveway and Railroad tracks from south side of Main St.



South side of Main St. slightly west of Essex Steam Train; beginning of sidewalk in poor condition



Bennie's from south side of Main St.



Facing northeast from south side of Main St. (Bennie's in right side of picture)





South side of Main St. walking west.



South side of Main St. change of sidewalk material and grade.



Crosswalk to nowhere, facing north from south side of Main St. Essex Court to the west.



Crosswalk to nowhere, top right of frame; Change of sidewalk on south side of Main St.





Essex Court, south side of Main St, facing east.



Shell station and Dennison Road/Main St. intersection, from south side of Main St.



Shell Station & Old Dennison Rd/Main St. intersection



South side of Main St. walking west; sidewalk slightly protected by small grass buffer, cars and bicyclists along Main St.





Cheese Shop and Liquor Store plaza, south side of Main St.



Past Cheese Shop & Liquor Store Plaza, south side, heading west: grass buffer between street and sidewalk



South side of Main St. (Meeting House in top right corner), buffer areas tapers off.



South side Main St. (Meeting House across the street); hidden sidewalk sign, cracked sidewalk with debris, no buffered area.





South side of Main St. across from Meeting House; sidewalk cracked and full of debris, narrow because of vegetative overgrowth



South side of Main St. Mobil Station and Scoops in top right corner; sidewalks in decent condition but no buffer from car traffic



Scoops and Mobil Station on Main St.; no crosswalks or sidewalks on north side, limiting the ability for students to walk from Elementary School to Scoops effectively and safely



Sidwalk on south side of Main St. just east of Gabriele's





South side of Main St., Cumberland Farms driveway; cracked sidewalk with debris



South side of Main St. at intersection with Westbrook Rd.; worn crosswalks, no pedestrian crosswalk signals to cross Westbrook Rd., only to cross Main St.; oncoming traffic in 4 directions, very dangerous and time consuming to cross here



Elementary School crosswalk across Main St. (West End of Centerbrook "spine")

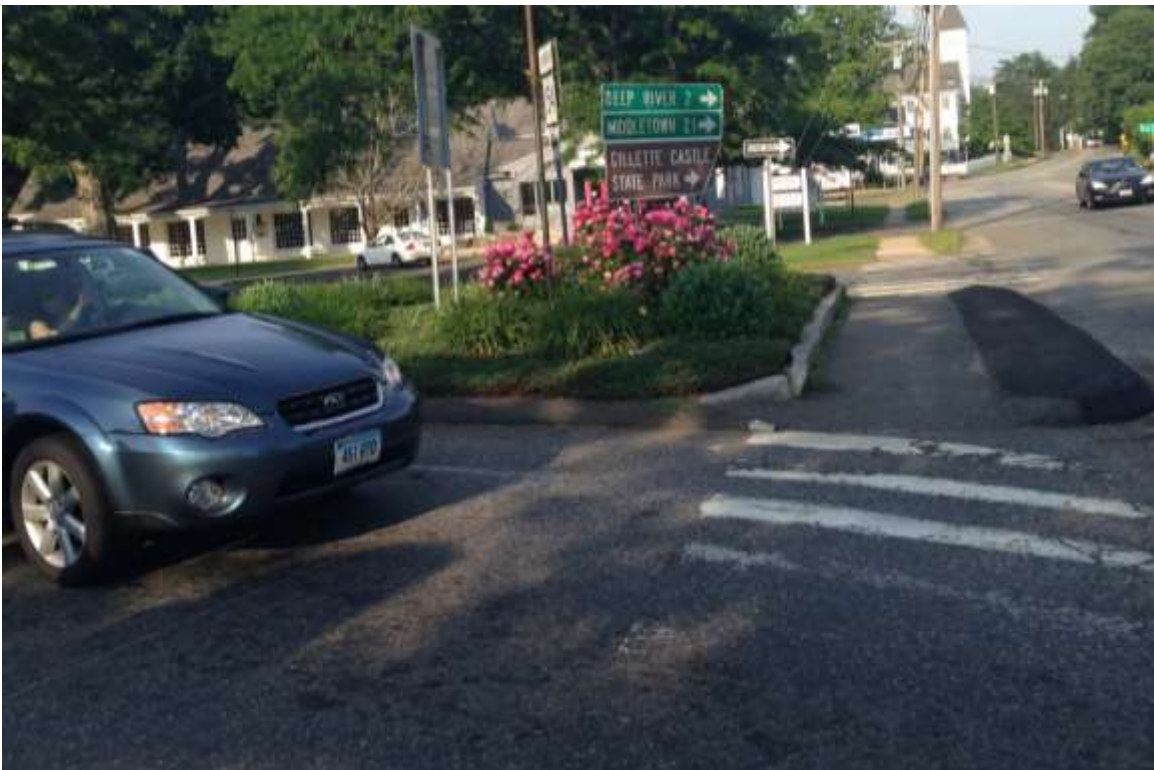


After crossing street at Elementary School sidewalk (picture above), north side of Main St.; good pedestrian buffer from oncoming traffic





North side of Main St., narrow vegetative buffer, but wide breakdown lane in road; some debris in sidewalks



Intersection of Main St. and Deep River Rd; worn sidewalks, no signage at light; crosswalk light for only crossing Main St.



Walking north up Deep River Rd on west side (one-way for southern bound traffic); VFW in right top corner



Parking lot of Visiting Nurses, facing Cumberland Farms on Main St.



Scoops and Mobil Station on north side of Main St. (at the Deep River Rd./Main St. intersection). **No crosswalk.**





North side of Main St. heading east, Mobil Station/Scoops to the left (unshown), Meeting House in top left corner; no sidewalks or pedestrian signage in Mobil driveways; sidewalk turns to gravel before Meeting House



North side of Main St.; Cheese Shop & Liquor Store plaza ahead, Meeting House to the left and behind (unshown); gravel sidewalk ends after Meeting House; **no sidewalks**



North side of Main St, Cheese Shop & Liquor Store plaza ahead; **no sidewalks**





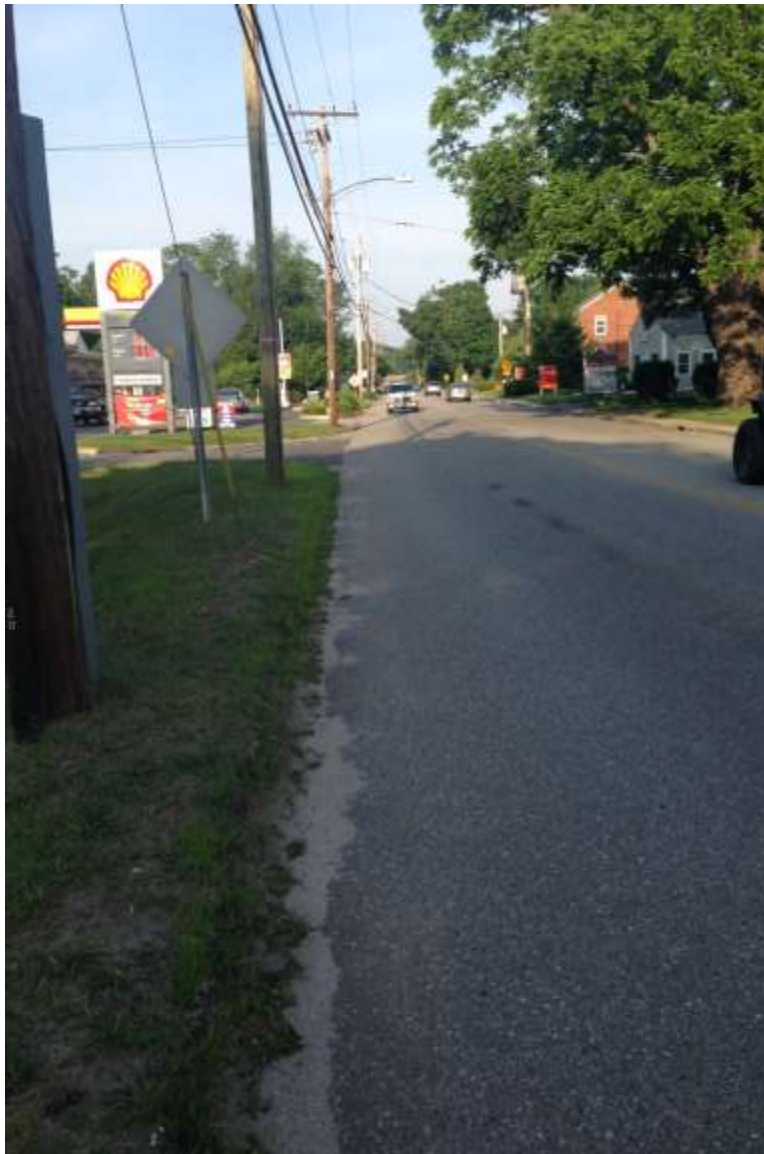
Cheese Shop & Liquor Store Plaza on north side of Main St. **No Sidewalks on north side.**



North side of Main St., intersection with Dennison Rd in top right corner, Cheese Shop & Liquor Store plaza behind, start of sidewalk in fair condition



Intersection of Dennison Rd/Main St. **No crosswalks.**



North side of Main St. east of Dennison Rd. intersection; **no sidewalks**, we crossed the street to the south side where there are sidewalks at this point in the tour





Main St. from south side, Rte. 9 overpass in top right of frame, tail end of tour



Railroad tracks for Essex Steam Train, returning to Witch Hazel plant after tour

## Thanks again to Peter Decker for hosting refreshments at Witch Hazel after the tour!

### Notes from Meeting:

- Sidewalk Issues:
  - Improvements to sidewalks along Main St: coordination between Town and State
    - Who's responsibility? Town is in charge of fixing sidewalks, need State's permission to widen, etc.
  - Lack of sidewalks, noted in pictures, especially on north side
  - Around Meeting House: ability to narrow road and add sidewalks with pavers? (West Hartford example)
  - Utility issues of renovating/creating sidewalks, widening roads
- Pedestrian Connectivity Concerns:
  - Elementary School to Scoops
    - Possible funding available through Safe Routes to School program
  - Witch Hazel plant to Main St.
- Cumberland Farms
  - Signage changes
  - Update/Renovate
- Spencer's Corner
  - Repairs/Septic
  - Planning for future mixed-use

### Next Steps:

- Identify Iconic Buildings
  - Centerbrook Historic District?
    - Initial documentation already undertaken by Town
  - Centerbrook Architects
  - Meeting House
  - Witch Hazel/Water Tower
    - \$128,000 to paint Water Tower
      - Grant opportunities? State Trust for Historic Preservation
- Public Meeting
  - July/August
  - Present vision sessions findings; pictures; map improvements (2<sup>nd</sup> stakeholder meeting)

\* I will send out a document with the goals/planning ideas from the group sessions for your review prior to the next meeting, stay tuned.